

REMARKS

No claim fees are due.

I. The drawings rejections.

Claims 18 and 19 have been made dependent from amended claim 1 with the "cam" because as discussed at paragraph [0019] of the present specification, the "cam" or cam device shown in Figure 2 at reference numeral 56, may also be a 4-bar linkage (claim 18) or a ball screw (claim 19) for example. Thus, as the cam 56 is shown schematically as a graphical drawing 56, one skilled in the art could summarily read paragraph [0019] and understand that the cam 56 may also be a standard four bar linkage or ball screw which are well known devices in the art in accordance with the below:

§ 1.83 Content of drawing.



(a) The drawing in a nonprovisional application must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. However, *conventional features disclosed in the description and claims, where their detailed illustration is not essential for a proper understanding of the invention, should be illustrated in the drawing in the form of a graphical drawing symbol or a labeled representation (e.g., a labeled rectangular box).*

Of course, if the above does not satisfy the Examiner's concerns applicants are respectfully willing to make further changes.

II. Allowable subject matter.

Applicants respectfully thank the Examiner for indicating allowable subject matter at page 4 of the Office Action. No claim fees are due. Applicants accept the allowable subject matter as follows.

Amended Claim 1 = 1+16. Claim 16 is canceled.

Amended Claim 26 = 1+26.

Amended Claim 33 = 33+ 35. Claim 35 is canceled.

New independent claim 38 = 33+36. Claim 36 is canceled.

New dependent claim 39 is based on original claim 34.

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New dependent claim 40 is based on original claim 37.

The withdrawn claims are cancelled herein without prejudice and applicant reserves the right to file a divisional or other continuing application.

III. Independent claim 20 and new claim 41 and the claim rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) of claim 20 and original claim 1 in view of Pinkos.

New independent claim 41 is identical to original claim 1. Original claim 1 was rejected as anticipated by Pinkos, 5,732,791. Thus, no new search is required.

Claim 41 claims:

41. (New) An electric power steering system, comprising:
a steering wheel in operable communication with a mechanical linkage;
a steering shaft in operable communication with the mechanical linkage, and in operable communication with at least one road wheel;
a first transmission in operable communication with the steering shaft;
a unidirectional electric motor in operable communication with the first transmission;
wherein the electric power steering system is configured such that when the steering wheel is turned in a first direction, the motor's power is transmitted in the first direction to the steering shaft, and when the steering wheel is turned in a second direction, the motor's power is transmitted in the second direction to the steering shaft.

As claimed above, only one transmission is required. In Pinko *two transmissions (42, 44) are required and essential (see the reasoning of the Office Action at page 3 stating transmissions 42 and 44)*. Therefore, Pinko does not anticipate claim 41 (original claim 1) because an "element-by-element" match to claim 41 does not exist.

The same reasoning applies to claim 20 which claims:

20. (Original) An electric power steering system, comprising:
a steering wheel in operable communication with at least one road wheel;
a first transmission in operable communication with the at least one road wheel;
a unidirectional electric motor in operable communication with the first transmission;
wherein the electric power steering system is configured such that when the steering wheel is turned in a first direction, the motor's power is transmitted in the first direction to the at least one road wheel, and when the steering wheel is turned in a second direction, the motor's power is transmitted in the second direction to at least one road wheel.

Therefore, claim 20 is also not anticipated by Pinko according to the reasoning of the Office

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Action at page 4. Claim 21 depends from claim 20 is also allowable. Claims 22-23 are canceled.

The remaining dependent claims are allowable.

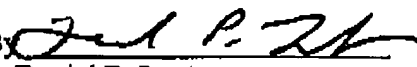
IV. Conclusion.

It is believed that the foregoing amendments and remarks fully comply with the Office Action and that the claims herein should now be allowable to Applicants. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance are requested.

If there are any additional charges with respect to this Amendment or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 06-1130.

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